



Spy Pond Committee

Date: Tuesday, April 4th, 2023
Time: 7:30pm
Location: Teleconference

Minutes

Attendance: Brad Barber, Brian Battuello, Dick Terry, Stroker Rogovin, Judi Berman, Bill Eykamp, Steve Ricci

Facilitator: Brad Barber
Minutes: Brian Battuello

1. March minutes

Approved enthusiastically by all.

2. Introductions

All members introduced themselves.

3. Fertilizer flyer distribution for 2023

Dick reported meeting with Peter Lundstrom from the high school. They plan to cover the north side of Arlington. The Boy Scouts have already covered precinct 3. Several other groups are going to assist. Dick announced his retirement from the flier distribution after this year.

4. Spy Pond Trails Day

Stroker reported on detailed plans. Twenty five dogwoods will be planted. Invasive plants will be removed. Stone stairs will be maintained. Costs are estimated at \$400 to \$500, which will be covered by MassDOT, Arlington Land Trust, and Envision Arlington. Stroker listed some of the equipment that will be needed. Watering has been a challenge. Judi

suggested working with several related groups. She also suggested using the town watering equipment. Discussion of damage from runners next to the path.

5. Update on Water Bodies Fund for 2023-2024

The Conservation Commission and Spy Pond Committee met with the finance committee. There was a thorough discussion regarding Spy Pond, Arlington Reservoir, McClennen Park and other water bodies. The finance committee will recommend \$50,000 for Warrant Article 48: Water Bodies Fund.

6. Update on Spy Pond Management

There was not much management last year. We are hoping for a contract with SWCA next week.

7. <https://cisma-suasco.org> -- Concord, Assabet, and Sudbury

Brad discussed the labeling of “Wild Rivers”, and the advantages of managing invasives.

8. New Business

Brad discussed plans for the annual goose patrol. Judi reported on the swan nests.

9. Adjournment at 8:23pm